



Chicago Local Section Administration Form 2012

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2012?*	11
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2012?*	24
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2012?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	95%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2012 ACS Leadership Institute?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2012?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2012?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-nomination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members <input type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2012? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2012?*	421

Questions 11-13 provide the opportunity for your section's leadership to communicate successes, challenges, goals, and progress towards meeting those goals. We want to hear from you! Please use the required comment boxes to share your thoughts about your section. In questions 12 and 13, do not feel limited by having spaces indicated for the top three goals. Other goals can be added in the comment box if needed.

<p>11. 2012 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*</p>	<p>2012 was an outstanding year for the Chicago Section.</p> <p>We hosted 10 Monthly section meetings with speakers in a variety of fields of chemistry; attendance at these meetings totaled 852, a 13% increase from 2011. Five topical group meetings, with 20-25 attendees per presentation, were held before our January, February, June, September and November section meetings. Among the highlights of the monthly meetings were: Eric Toone in January speaking on "The Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy: A New Paradigm in Transformational Energy Research"; The panel discussion in March on "America Invests Act" PL-112-29: Significant Changes in Patent Law for the First Time in 60 Years"; In June we held a wonderful Pre-Dinner Activity "You Just Finished Your BS/PhD/PostDoc in Chemistry – Now What?"; and In September Brian P. Coppola presented a captivating presentation.</p> <p>Always the highlight of the Chicago Sections year is the presentation Josiah Willard Gibbs medal. This year on Friday May 18th, The 101st Willard Gibbs Medal was presented to Professor Mark Ratner of Northwestern University. It was an honor to chair the jury that selected Professor Ratner.</p> <p>The Chicago Section is honored this year to have six members who were selected as ACS Fellows. At the Fall Meeting in Philadelphia Cherlynlavaughn Bradley, Marc C. Cesa, David S Crumrine, Kathleen Carrado Gregar, Sara J Risch, and Darsh Wasan were inducted as ACS Fellows.</p> <p>A total of 76 students were nominated to take the 2012 ACS Scholarship exam by their teachers this year. In September we awarded over 16,000 in scholarships to 7 deserving high school students who excelled on the scholarship exam that was given at North Central College on May 26, 2012. A special thank you to Dr. Paul Brandt, Chemistry Professor at North Central College, for his hard work and willingness to author the exam. The USNCO exam was given to 22 students this year at Loyola University on March 17th.</p> <p>We were also privileged to have three Project SEED students work with us this last summer. Dr. Dali Liu, a biochemist from Chicago's Loyola University, had Kristen Alanis (SEED I student) work on "Study the Molecular Recognition of the Quorum-quenching Lactonase AiiA using Protein Crystallography". Lyba Zia (SEED I student) work with Daniel P. Becker, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Loyola University on "Lysine Biosynthesis in Bacteria". And Hei Chan (SEED I student) was mentored by Richard C. Holz, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Loyola University on "Studies on the Cobalt Type Nitrile Hydratase from Pseudonocardia thermophila". Over the summer, the students attended a field trip to Argonne Labs and another at Abbott Laboratories to learn about Drug Discovery and the drug product manufacturing and packaging commercial manufacturing.</p> <p>This was the second year for the innovative "Girl Scout Chemistry Badge Project" This year the program that provides the Marie S. Curie Girl Scout Chemistry Day Patch to Girl Scouts from the Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Council expanded from 1 site and 30 girls to 3 sites and 107 girls. This program also had the girls interact with a dozen women chemists in discussions of what education is needed to become a chemist and what career opportunities there are in chemistry.</p> <p>Illinois Sections of the ACS science outreach project at the Illinois State Fair continued to be a success in promoting the positive aspects of chemistry. This was the 9th year for this community outreach project. We drew more than 13,300 visitors (including more than 300 teachers) to our tent in Conservation World at the Illinois State Fair August 10-19. Five Illinois ACS Sections (Chicago, Decatur-Springfield, Illinois Heartland, Illinois-Iowa, and Mark Twain) involving 35 enthusiastic volunteers participated in the activities. The activities within the tent continue to impact a large number of visitors ranging from young children to adults representing a wide range of education and occupations. This project allows Illinois chemists the</p>
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	<p>opportunity to interact with the public to improve its perception of chemistry and chemists by communicating the value and fun of chemistry.</p> <p>This year our Chemistry Day Event at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) was the highlight of chemistry week festivities. Approximately 700 students, parents, exhibitors, and volunteers present. Nine Chicago-area institutions and organizations set up booth exhibits: the American Institute for Chemical Engineers; ChemWest; the Illinois Water Environmental Association; Iota Sigma Pi; Nalco Chemical; Society of Cosmetic Chemists; UIC, and the Boy Scouts of America. Popular exhibit activities included popular "wet chemistry" experiments—paper chromatography, density columns, preparation of bath salts and lotion, properties of slime and polyurethane foam—as well as interactive computer presentations, puzzles, and games.</p> <p>In addition to hands-on activities, there were three lecture presentations by Michael Welsh from Columbia College Chicago, who presented an exciting spectroscopy lecture on food chemistry; Todd Wielgos of Baxter Labs, who spoke about the impact of chemistry on health and wellness; and Daniel Becker of Loyola University, who talked about his experiences in drug discovery research. The grand finale was a "Chemistry Idol" competition involving Local high school chemistry students from 3 schools. Approximately 5-8 chemistry students from each school presented a series of chemistry demonstrations. About 250 people attended this student-led, culminating activity, which has become a popular tradition at our Chemistry Day.</p> <p>A final area our section had great success with in calendar year 2012 was in using technology to better reach our members, potential members, and the public at large. We continued the use of creating video content in a very professional recording format and effective publication on a public website (Vimeo). This year 4 Videos were published. We switched to online balloting using AssociationVoting.com. This change saved the section \$3000 while improving turnout by 33% We continued the practice of posting meeting information and items of potential interest to chemists on Facebook, the ACS Network, and EventBrite to increase attendance at our meetings. To date, these efforts have led to more participation from younger chemists, Non members and college and university students at our meetings/activities.</p> <p>Even with all these wonderful activities, we still need to better reach the members of the Chicago Section. Efforts to develop interesting section meeting programs and speakers as well as including all the counties of the Chicago Section in our activities are an ongoing concern. Increasing additional participation from young chemists needs to continue to be a priority.</p>
<p>12. 2013 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>To improve our Section's web presence and membership access to value added ACS resources.</p>
	<p>To make Local Section an extension of the National ACS organization. Align and deliver on the ACS goals.</p> <p>To establish critical networks with other scientific organizations in Chicago area which advance the science enterprise.</p>
<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<p>1) The section is geographically dispersed creating an often disconnected community. Although our section is very large, active participation remains low.</p> <p>2) The Local Section and National Society are viewed as different organizations with different goals and activities. The local section must be viewed as the local presence of the ACS, not another organization.</p> <p>3) Working with other Chicago based scientific organizations, with different missions, presents obstacles to our missions to tackle societies greatest challenges together. Defining unified goals may seem in conflict to each groups individual goals.</p> <p>4) Time is short to deliver on some really big ideas.</p>
<p>13. 2013 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section</p>	

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance Fran Kravitz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment Paul Young <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad Michael Dupuis (Part of High school education) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Activities Irene Cesa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education Teri Collins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Fran Kravitz (Primary Education) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EHS Ken Fivizzani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Ken Fivizzani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs Jim Shoffner <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning Susan Shih <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership/Membership Retention Inessa Miller <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority Affairs Charles Cannon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Publications Cherlyn Bradley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominations Michael G. Koehler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations Barb Moriarty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project SEED Tracey Braun <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Russ Johnson (Joint with new technology) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists Margaret Stowell Levenberg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists Lacy Simons <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other State Fair - Cherlyn Bradley WEB - Milt Levenburg Section Trustees - Mark Kaiser
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2012?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2012?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2012?*	1
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2012?*	5
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2012?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2012?*	3
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2012?*	75
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2012?*	10
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2012.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition at an event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition on web <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other -

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2012?*	10
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2012?*	78
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2012?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	The primary mode of communication with our members is via our web site. All our newsletters are posted to the website and a link is sent to all members when the new newsletter is available. Paper copies are distributed to members who have requested them. Announcements are emailed to the membership and are posted to our Facebook page and our website.
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	10
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	30
6. Did your local section have a website during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6a. If the answer to 6 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	http://www.chicagoacs.net
7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination

1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award.*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2012 activities to support your nomination.	<p>2012 was an outstanding year for the Chicago Section. We hosted 10 Monthly section meetings with speakers in a variety of fields of chemistry; attendance at these meetings totaled 852, a 13% increase from 2011. Among the highlights of the monthly meetings were: Eric Toone in January speaking on "The Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy: A New Paradigm in Transformational Energy Research"; The panel discussion in March on "America Invests Act" PL-112-29: Significant Changes in Patent Law for the First Time in 60 Years"; In June we held a wonderful Pre-Dinner Activity "You Just Finished Your BS/PhD/PostDoc in Chemistry – Now What?"; and in September Brian P. Coppola presented a captivating presentation.</p> <p>Always the highlight of the Chicago Sections year is the presentation Josiah Willard Gibbs medal. This year the 101st Willard Gibbs Medal was presented to Professor Mark Ratner of Northwestern University.</p> <p>The Chicago Section was honored to have six members who were selected as ACS Fellows Cherlynlavaughn Bradley, Marc C. Cesa, David S Crumrine, Kathleen Carrado Gregar, Sara J Risch, and Darsh Wasan.</p> <p>A total of 76 students were nominated to take the 2012 ACS Scholarship exam by their teachers this year. In September we awarded over 16,000 in scholarships to 7 deserving high school students who excelled on the scholarship exam. The USNCO exam was given to 22 students this year. We were also privileged to have three Project SEED students work with us this last summer. This was the second year for the innovative "Girl Scout Chemistry Badge Project" This year the program that provides the Marie S. Curie Girl Scout Chemistry Day Patch to Girl Scouts from the Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Council expanded from 1 site and 30 girls to 3 sites and 107 girls. This year marked the eighth year that the Chicago Section has provided a Boy Scouts of America's Chemistry Merit Badge program. 118 scouts in the local Chicagoland area participated.</p> <p>Illinois Sections of the ACS science outreach project at the Illinois State Fair continued to be a success in promoting</p>

	<p>the positive aspects of chemistry. This was the 9th year for this community outreach project. We drew more than 13,300 visitors to our tent at the Illinois State Fair Our Chemistry Day Event at the University of Illinois at Chicago was the highlight of local chemistry week festivities. Approximately 700 students, parents, exhibitors, and volunteers present. Nine Chicago-area institutions and organizations set up booth exhibits. In addition to hands-on activities, there were three lecture presentations. The grand finale was a "Chemistry Idol" competition involving Local high school chemistry students from 3 schools.</p> <p>A final area our section had great success with in calendar year 2012 was in using technology to better reach our members, potential members, and the public at large. We continued the use of creating video content in a very professional recording format and effective publication on a public website. This year we switched to online balloting. This change saved the section \$3000 while improving turnout by 33%. We continued the practice of posting meeting information and items of potential interest to chemists on Facebook, the ACS Network, and EventBrite to increase attendance at our meetings. To date, these efforts have led to more participation from younger chemists, Non members and college and university students at our meetings/activities.</p>
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Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

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Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

This is an accurate description of the activities and organization of the Chicago Local Section during 2012. Our successes and challenges are indicated in the report. The section appreciates the efforts of all our volunteers who made our meetings and events possible and enjoyable. On behalf of the officers and board members, I thank our chair, Avrom Litin, for his work in leading our section during the past year.

I hereby approve this report and submit it for review.

Kenneth P. Fivizzani
Councilor for the Chicago Local Section, 2013-2015

 Approved & Submit for Review

Kenneth Fivizzani

02/14/2013

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Local Section Administration Form - Reasons for Return

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